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SUBJECT: ARUBANS ARRIVE IN THE HAGUE

REF: THE HAGUE 4293

1. A DELEGATION FROM ARUBA HAS DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF THE
EVENTUAL INDEPENDENCE OF ARUBA WITH DUTCH OFFICIALS, ACCORDING
TO ARUBAN MEP LEADER BETICO CROES. DUTCH OFFICIALS MADE
NO COMMENT CONCERNING THE TALKS HELD MONDAY BETWEEN THE
NETHERLANDS REALM CABINET AND THE ARUBAN DELEGATION.
THE REALM CABINET IS COMPOSED OF THE REGULAR DUTCH CABINET
PLUS THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY IN
THE HAGUE, MADURO. DISCUSSIONS ARE CONTINUING ON TUESDAY
WITH DUTCH INTERIOR MINISTER DE GAAY FORTMAN. ON THURSDAY
A MEETING WITH THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ANTILLES AFFAIRS
IN PARLIAMENT IS SCHEDULED.

2. BETICO CROES ARRIVED OVER THE WEEKEND, ASSERTING THAT, IF
HOLLAND DID NOT GIVE IN TO ARUBA'S WISH FOR INDEPENDENCE, THE
ARUBANS WOULD PUBLICLY DENOUNCE HOLLAND FOR "TRAMPLING ON HUMAN
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RIGHTS." CROES THREATENED FURTHER TO ATTEMPT CONTACT WITH THE
UN DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE AGAIN IF THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT
FAILED TO MAKE FIRM PLEDGES CONCERNING ARUBA'S FUTURE
INDEPENDENCE.

3. ORIGINAL DUTCH POSITION (REFTEL) IS THAT THEY WOULD ONLY
LISTEN TO ARUBAN DESIRES FOR INDEPENDENCE. THE AGENDA NOW

INCLUDES: (1) PREPARATION FOR INDEPENDENCE, (2) RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION, (3) THE SECTION OF NETHERLANDS REALM STATUTE GUARANTEEING RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS IN THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES, (4) RESULTS OF THE RECENT ARUBAN INDEPENDENCE REFERENDUM, AND (5) PARTICIPATION OF THE ARUBAN MEP (INDEPENDENCE PARTY) IN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES.

4. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER AFTER THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT ISSUES ITS COMMENTS ON THURSDAY.
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